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Afghanistan, Belarus, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Indonesia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Philippines and Romania: draft resolution

Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: a continuing world programme of action

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/52 and 37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991 and 47/88 of 16 December 1992, and taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1992/276 of 30 July 1992 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/48 of 3 March 1992, 1/

Noting the importance of developing and carrying out concrete long-term strategies for the full implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons beyond the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with the aim of achieving a society for all by the year 2000,

Reaffirming that the efforts of both the developing and the developed countries are indispensable to mobilize the world's attention and resources to address the problems of persons with disabilities,

Aware of the major obstacles to the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, foremost among these being an inadequate allocation of resources,

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. A.

1. Reaffirms the continuing validity and value of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, which provides a firm and innovative framework for disability-related issues;

2. Reiterates the responsibility of Governments for removing or facilitating the removal of barriers and obstacles to the full integration of persons with disabilities into society, and supports their efforts in developing national policies to reach specific objectives;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to give higher priority and visibility to disability issues within the work programme of the United Nations system by:

(a) Integrating disability issues into the policies, programmes and projects of the specialized agencies on a broader scale and with higher priority, and asking all the specialized agencies to report on their engagement in the disability field;

(b) Asking the United Nations Development Programme to review how a disability component can be incorporated in all its reconstruction programmes;

(c) Finalizing the ongoing work within the United Nations Development Programme of creating a disability index based on the twenty-two rules in the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities; 2/

(d) Publishing a manual on the integration of disability issues into national planning and development projects;

(e) Asking the Statistical Office of the Secretariat, in close cooperation with all relevant United Nations organizations and Governments, to continue its important work of collecting statistical data about disability matters and to finalize the commendable work carried out by the Statistical Division of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the development of a global disability indicator;

4. Recommends that regional arrangements, including the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Africa and other relevant regional organizations, be fully utilized to explore the best ways and means to improve the specific situation of persons with disabilities in each region;

5. Invites Member countries and the private sector, including relevant non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability;

6. Invites Member countries and other donors to pay close attention to the increasing number of persons with disabilities as a consequence of natural disasters, wars and catastrophic accidents;

2/ See Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/19, annex.

7. Commends the launching of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002, and the adoption of the Proclamation on the Full Participation and Equality of People with Disabilities in the Asian and Pacific region 3/ by the intergovernmental Meeting to Launch the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002, convened by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at Beijing from 1 to 5 December 1992;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the item entitled "Social development".

3/ See E/ESCAP/902, annex I.